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Dear Dr. Henney,

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We would like to encourage the FDA to enact regulations to reduce the agricultural use of antibiotics. More and more frequently, bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics. The widespread use of antibiotics in agricultural feed is a gratuitous use of antibiotics. Many other countries, notably Sweden, have banned all non-therapeutic use of antibiotics and have maintained a highly successful system of production.

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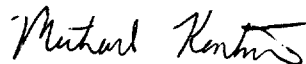
The small benefits to agricultural businesses, such as promoting weight gain, are not worth the risk to human life caused by antibiotic resistant bacteria.

It is not enough to curtail new uses of antibiotics, but the current overuse must also be curtailed.

Sincerely,



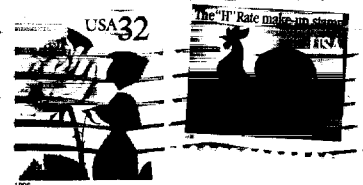
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